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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENTS OF LAWS RELATED TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the laws related to intellectual property rights; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)&(b): Government proposes to amend The Trade Marks Act, 1999. The proposed amendment is based on the decision of Government of India to accede to the Madrid Protocol concerning international registration of marks which requires amendment in the Trade Marks Act. This will empower the Registrar of Trade Marks Registry to deal with international applications, both originating from India and received from Contracting parties,prescribe procedure for dealing with international applications and facilitate the implementation of Protocol obligations.

Ministry of Human Resource Development has put on its website some suggested amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957.